

LETTERS FROM TWO STATES.

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

LEDYARD.

Farm Changes Noted—Lincoln Sermon—Cinders From Norwich Fire Reach Center—Grange News.

William Cronwell of Dodgeville, N. Y., has been visiting relatives in town during the past week.

George Main will occupy Mrs. Lucy Massey's place for the ensuing year.

John Cooper will move to the Edwidge place and Miner Bromley of Preston will move to the Robert Stanton place.

Sermon on Lincoln.

Rev. Mr. White preached a forcible sermon on Sunday, his subject being "The Life of Abraham Lincoln." There was a large attendance, 85 being present at the Sunday school.

James B. Gray, who has been in Berlin, Md., the past week, inspecting nursery stock, has returned home. Mr. Gray was well pleased with his trip, and will set a large number of peach and kelder pears the coming spring.

Cinders From Fire.

Cinders from the Shannon fire were found at Ledyard Center on Tuesday morning.

Grange Meeting.

Ledyard grange held an interesting meeting on Saturday evening. Three new applications for membership were received. The lecturer's hour, conducted by Mrs. Lizzie Colver, was very interesting. Papers were read by Mrs. Daniel Gray, Miss Annie Lamb, Mrs. Burton and Miss Anna Welman and Brothers Charles A. Gray, Theo. Avery, Billings T. Avery and Edward Lamb. Ten questions were answered by Brother S. E. Holdridge, and Brothers William I. Allen, William Brown, Conrad Kelsey, Leslie Gray, James Collins, Ellsworth Gray, Ray Culver, Charles Babcock, Joseph Clark and Samuel Lester discussed the questions. Two new members were taken in.

Ice Harvested.

A large gang of men cut ice Tuesday and filled Charles S. Hewitt's ice house about two-thirds full.

A Valentine party was held at the residence of Charles A. Gray on Friday evening.

Various Notes.

Benjamin Gray of Providence was an over-Sunday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gray.

Miss Anna Dewey spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dewey of Old Mystic.

Miss Marion Galt, a teacher at West Haven, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Galt. Benjamin Galt of Providence was also the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Galt on Sunday.

Mason Gray and two children were callers at Mr. Gray's father's, Mrs. M. Gray's, Sunday.

Jacob Galt of Laurel Hill was calling on friends in Mystic and Ledyard Sunday.

Dr. N. G. Gray is able to be out again.

Nelson Holdridge, who has been in poor health, has improved so he expects to be at work again soon.

FITCHVILLE.

Thames Lodge, N. E. O. P., of Norwich holds Open Meeting—Ball—Personal Items.

Thames lodge, N. E. O. P., of Norwich held an open meeting in Palmer hall Tuesday evening. A large crowd was present. For the past two years this lodge has held open meetings once a year for the purpose of receiving new members. As the result has been about thirty members from this village. After the meeting dancing was enjoyed, after which the visiting members of those of this village enjoyed an excellent supper. There were present about thirty members from Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powers and children, Ellsworth and Ellen, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chappell.

Miss Katharine Coughlin and Miss Christina Munn were visitors in Central Village Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Youngs of Willimantic is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Thompson.

Another successful ball was given by the Jolly Ten in Palmer hall last night. A number from here attended the supper in Bazaar Thursday evening.

HANOVER.

Lincoln Exercises in the Schools—Local Exercises Commended.

Lincoln day exercises were held in the school on Thursday afternoon under the direction of William Palmer and Miss Brown. The exercises were well attended, and there were decorations, recitations, selections were read in appreciation of Lincoln's character and great work, and remarks were made by Rev. C. H. Peck. Music was furnished by the school choir, Ralph Standish, Peter Craft, Bryan Stewart, L. Henry, Gladys Crombie, John Babcock, and Mrs. Tucker, organist. Mrs. N. Smith, Mrs. Crombie and the Misses Walker and Allen were visitors.

Notes.

Mrs. Norman Smith has returned from a visit in New London. The family of Angus Park spent last Sunday in Stafford.

During the week Mrs. Park has been caring for her daughter in Dayville, who has fractured her arm.

Mrs. Ellen Whitehead is threatened with pneumonia.

Two Hanover young ladies, Marion S. Walker and Viola Burr, received honorable mention in the Lincoln letter contest in The Bulletin.

BOZRAH.

Chicken Pie Supper at Grange Fellowship by Entertainment.

Miss Belle Stanton was a guest over Sunday of Maude G. Lathrop.

Miss Marion Munger, primary teacher at East Great Plain, attended the grange supper in Bozrah Thursday evening.

Dr. Kinkead and Mr. Ward of Norwich played in the orchestra at Bozrah Thursday evening.

Netted Over \$25.

The chicken pie supper given by the grange Thursday evening was well attended. Charles Kingberger of Fitchville sang solo. The "Place Where I Was Born," which was much appreciated, and he was obliged to give an encore. An old-fashioned album was shown and the history of the pictures given by Mrs. John Stanton in an interesting manner. The grange added over \$25 to its treasury.

Mrs. V. A. Bishop is seriously ill at her home on Bozrah street.

Gardening is in full swing. Miss Alice Bishop has been staying for the past week with Mrs. J. Harry Miller.

Friends of J. Harry Miller are pleased to hear of his improvement in health.

PENDETOWN HILL.

Elmer E. Conn is ill and under the care of a doctor.

B. G. Palmer is again serving as furor in Norwich.

Mr. Adams of Waterbury is to supply the pulpit next Sunday morning and evening.

"How old is Belle?" "Twenty-four her last six birthdays."—Boston Transcript.

MOOSUP.

Eight Cases of Scarlet Fever—Primary Room Closes for Two Weeks—One Death—Floyd Cranks and Miss Harriet Cranks Left for California.

Scarlet fever has broken out among the families on Catholic hill, the health officer, Dr. A. W. Chase, reporting eight cases, one case that of the four-year-old child of Mrs. A. A. Kingsley, died Tuesday morning. Owing to the prevalence of the disease it has been thought best to close for two weeks room No. 1 in the primary school building. The children of the infected families have been attending that room, the superintendent of schools has ordered the janitor to close the room until it shall be fumigated.

Worst Storm of Season.

The worst storm of the season struck this section last Wednesday. The rain and wind from the south and the wind from the southeast blowing a gale. Several panes of glass were blown out of the school buildings, huge clouds were driven over the hills and fences were leveled, and business of all kinds had to be suspended a good part of the day.

Closed Runway.

Tuesday morning a horse attached to the meat cart belonging to L. N. Pratte became frightened at an automobile and ran away and when near opposite the Baptist church, collided with a two-horse team wagon, where it cleared itself and ran home. The front of the meat cart was badly upset.

Leave for Pasadena, Cal.

Floyd Cranks and daughter Harriet left Tuesday morning for a trip to Pasadena, Cal., where they expect to stay until about the first of April.

Local Matters.

The Baptist Sunday school has voted to turn over to the church treasury \$25 for church expenses.

There is a good deal of sickness among the people of this village, among the local physicians are kept busy attending to calls. Last week there were several cases of measles among the pupils of some of the rooms absent.

The Children of Mary, connected with All Saints church, are preparing for their annual church entertainment.

Mrs. H. A. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Burgess attended the Chapman religious meetings in Boston last week.

John Capwell, clerk for F. W. Angell, has moved his family here and will go to work in the Douglas block on First street.

The Baptist women's prayer meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon at 8 o'clock at the home of Anthony Paragon.

William C. Hill, who for several weeks has been employed in a mill in Providence, has returned home and gone to work in the woolen mill.

WEST WOODSTOCK.

Benefit Dance Given by Mrs. E. T. Perrin Nets \$14—Rev. C. M. Jones Returns to Pulpit.

Mrs. J. T. Hall returned Tuesday from a two weeks' stay with her son, Dexter Crawford, and family in Willimantic.

Mrs. Cora Casey of Worcester visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murray, over Sunday.

Fourteen dollars was realized at the benefit dance given by Mrs. E. T. Perrin for Luther Place on Saturday evening. West Woodstock band gave their services and furnished a concert and the music for dancing. Several players from East Woodstock also participated.

Mrs. E. L. Chamberlain is out again after an illness of several weeks.

Pastor Jones Returns.

Rev. C. M. Jones occupied his pulpit last Sunday after an illness with grip. A good sized congregation were present to welcome him back.

The oyster supper at the Baptist church netted the society \$14, which, considering the stormy evening, was doing pretty well.

Wednesday's heavy rain made some of the roads very muddy and slippery. Mr. Pratt, the supervisor of schools, visited here Wednesday.

PLAINFIELD.

Reunion of Academy Classmates—Damage Done by Gale.

Tuesday evening last week fifteen former Norwich Free Academy school mates of John C. and Mary L. Kingsley of this place took a sleigh ride here from Jewett City and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Kingsley. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley were on Main street, they were heartily welcomed and the reunion was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The evening was spent in games, music and light refreshments were served. About 11 o'clock the visitors took their departure for their homes in Jewett City.

Henry J. Leahy, telegraph operator at Modena, N. Y., spent a brief vacation at his home here recently.

Albert Bates, a waterbury resident, relatives here last week.

A number went to Norwich Tuesday to see the ruins of the fire.

The big wind and rain storm predicted last week arrived here on time Tuesday night and proved a regular howler. In level places the streets were blown from the trees and an occasional tree was upset.

DATVILLE.

Arm Broken by Fall Down Stairs—Personal Mention.

Mrs. N. L. Greig on Monday fell down a long flight of stairs and broke her right arm just above the wrist.

Moosup friends entertained Misses Agnes and Leona Berthiaume over Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. F. J. Bennett on Wednesday.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. F. Shaw spent Sunday in Spencer, Mass.

Charles C. Russell has been spending several days in New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bidwell were entertained by Providence friends on Sunday.

Miss Bertha King of Putnam entertained Miss Agnes Racine and Henry Dermott on Sunday.

Mrs. C. Russell has been chosen manager of the ball team on Monday.

Mrs. W. E. LaBelle was in Worcester on Wednesday.

WOODSTOCK.

Sermon on Centenary of Lincoln—Lincoln Tea—Substitute Teacher.

Rev. G. F. Waters gave an interesting sermon on Sunday on the centenary of Abraham Lincoln.

Mrs. George Austin Bowen spent a few days in Hartford with her sister, Mrs. A. P. Kingsley.

Mrs. Ida J. Moulton gave a reading in Academy hall Friday evening for the benefit of the senior class.

Mrs. C. Russell has been returned from a visit to her brother, George McClellan, in New York.

A Lincoln tea was given in the chapel Friday afternoon with an address on Lincoln by Rev. M. L. Willard of Pomfret.

C. W. Bowen of New York was in town over Lincoln day, the guest of A. S. Hardy.

Miss Mary G. Parley is spending a week in Philadelphia.

Miss Edna substituted last week in the district school for Miss Florence Wilson, who was suffering from a lame knee.

EKONK.

Mrs. Wetmore Galls for Mediterranean—Death of Mrs. Kate Windsor—Damage by Gale.

Mrs. Judie Wetmore has gone on her trip abroad, on the S. S. Arabic from New York City direct for the Mediterranean. The Arabic will likely meet the battleship fleet on its way from Gibraltar to Hampton Roads.

George H. Gallup accompanied his cousin, Mrs. Wetmore, to New York, and saw her safely aboard. He visited on his return relatives at several points, including his sons, Howard at Palmer, Mass., and Earl at Monson.

Mrs. Mabel Brown was away for several weeks for a needed vacation and change, visiting relatives in Worcester and Boston, and is to visit in New Haven.

Miss Ruby Kellogg spent last Saturday and Sunday in Worcester with her mother, returning Monday morning to her school teaching in Central Village.

Misses Esther Gallup and Ruby Kellogg have been initiated into the M. E. church, and will be confirmed, including most of the teachers of Moosup and Central Village.

Fall Proves Fatal.

Mrs. Kate Windsor, the octogenarian who fell and broke her hip several months ago and has been a great sufferer since, and was reported dead once, died on Saturday last at her home on Sterling Hill, and was buried on Tuesday.

The storm of Wednesday was the worst of the season here, accompanied by terrible gales which did great damage in orchards and forests.

Mrs. Charles Hopkins and two children of Plainfield, have been the past week at the Hopkins farm, E. Byron Gallup, on the Ekunk Hill farm.

Rev. M. Joseph Toomer of Portland, Me., has been at his father-in-law's, Mr. Stanton, on the Ekunk Hill farm, since the storm of Wednesday.

Lincoln Sermon.

Next Sunday will be observed as Lincoln day at the line meeting house, with a biographical sermon on Lincoln by the pastor.

Mrs. Mabel Brown has returned from several weeks' visit to her sister, Mrs. Sweet, in Danvers.

Carl Gallup was at home over Sunday.

WARRENVILLE.

Pupils of Rev. G. C. Chappell Give Successful Entertainment.

The musical and literary entertainment by the Warrenville school at Baker's hall last Friday evening, the 5th, was a decided success in every way. Helen Andrews and Lemuel Andrews, who were the soloists, were the enthusiasm of the evening. Twenty pupils took part in essays and declamations. The music was furnished by Rev. G. C. Chappell, piano and violin; Mrs. Chappell, violin and piano; Albert Louks, Milton Durkes and Miss Ethel M. Durkes, duets and piano. About \$5 was raised for school supplies.

Various Items.

John Bohman of Pittsfield, Mass., has been the guest of friends at the Baptist parsonage.

Mrs. O. D. Baker is in St. Joseph's hospital, Willimantic, for treatment.

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Talk on Electricity.

John Bohman, an electrician of Pittsfield, Mass., gave an interesting account of the modern electrical conveniences and talked to the pupils of the Warrenville school on the subject of electricity.

William Gardner is Improving.

His son, George Gardner, called to see him one day last week.

Rev. G. C. Chappell officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Thomas Curtis, aged 85, at Buffum, and of Daniel Shurtliff, aged 84, at West Ashford, Monday, the 1st, and Sunday, the 7th, respectively.

Fellowship Meeting.

Arthur James injured his hand several days ago.

Gilbert Amidon and Rev. G. C. Chappell attended a fellowship meeting at the Baptist parsonage last Sunday evening. Mr. Chappell gave a report of religion in Ashford, and spoke on some of the problems. The spirit of the meeting was excellent.

THOMPSON.

Birthday Surprise Party—Original Verses Read—Social Notes.

C. E. Olney's family is enjoying a visit to the Bermuda Islands.

Miss Mary J. Ross was given a surprise party by twenty-eight of her friends on Thursday evening, Feb. 4th, on her 18th birthday. Some original verses were sent by Mrs. E. M. D. Herick. Refreshments were provided and the evening was very enjoyable.

The hostesses at the social at the Congregational church Wednesday evening were Mrs. B. B. Barton, Mrs. Munyan and Mrs. Emogene Williams. The Thimble club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Richard Barton.

The next meeting is with Mrs. George Law.

At the Sunday morning service of the Congregational church Mrs. R. C. Payne sang "The Lord's Prayer." Mrs. Dexter Elliott played a violin solo for an offertory. Both were beautifully rendered and much appreciated.

PHOENIXVILLE.

Fox Caught in Trap—Injury Caused by Flying Wedge.

O. H. Latham caught a handsome fox in a trap last week.

Charles Downing was hurt by a wedge flying back while splitting wood Monday. The wedge struck him in the throat and rendered him speechless for a time. He is recovering slowly. The wound was very painful, as it made breathing difficult.

Wednesday's rain was like an old-fashioned January thaw. It filled the streams and from present indications all fears of water famine are dispelled. The reservoirs are filling nicely.

Ice gatherers have had to suspend operations for a time.

O. H. Latham was in Danvers Tuesday evening for the inspection of the artillery company.

George Reed has moved to the tenement vacated by Mr. Fiene.

SOUTH WINDHAM.

Local Friends Regret Death of Albert Hillard.

A number of people were in Norwich Tuesday viewing the ruins of the fire.

Edward Clark and H. Hendrickson are confined to their respective homes with the grip.

Misses Rena Murdoch and Annie Smith recently spent the day in Boston.

E. W. Avery was a Norwich visitor Wednesday.

Many local people were pained to learn of the sudden death of Albert Hillard, which occurred Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Smith, Willimantic. Mr. Hillard was a former resident of this town.

An oyster is sufficiently cooked when the beard is slightly curled.

CHAPLIN.

Windham Pastor in Local Pulpit—Wedding Invitations—Grange Addressed by State Forest Fire Warden.

Rev. Andrew J. Small was away last Sunday. His pulpit was occupied by Rev. William M. Brown of Windham, who gave a thoughtful and practical sermon from the words "a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Most of the icehouses in town were filled the past week with a good quality of ice.

Mrs. Cora Trowbridge and daughter of Willimantic have visited the past two weeks with Mrs. Nancy E. Lathrop of Chaplin.

The family of Burton M. Welch has moved to Groton, where Mr. Welch is conducting a market which he recently bought.

The number of telephones in town has increased to twenty.

Stoughton-Litchfield Wedding Feb. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Litchfield announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Helen Andrews, and Lemuel Stoughton on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Congregational church.

NATCHAUG GRANGE.

Hears Interesting Address by State Forest Fire Warden.

Natchaug grange held its regular meeting last Friday evening. The lecture program was given with a paper on "How to Use the Waste Products of the Farm," by Mrs. L. A. Demming, and a violin solo by Annie Hayes.

The lecturer then introduced State Forest Fire Warden Austin Hawes, who spoke on forestry. Connecticut is the most favorable state in the United States for forestry on account of near markets for lumber. The state used 23 billion feet of lumber the past year and has raised only about seven billion feet, showing that there is a great need as much used as is grown each year.

The average is about one-half cord of wood to the acre in Connecticut at the present time. With forestry methods it could be easily doubled.

Forestry will increase yearly if the people are given protection from fire. The present time is the best time to plant trees. There are forest fire wardens in all but two or three towns in the state. The past year there were 300 fires, burning over 100,000 acres of land. The cost of putting out the fires was \$37.

The railroads in the state were responsible for one-half of the fires in the past year.

At present the state has three forests, one in Union of 300 acres, one in Portland of 1,000 acres, and one in Simsbury of 1,000 acres. The best adapted for forest planting are the chestnut, white, scotch and red pines, white ash and oak. The white pine is the most profitable on account of its fast growth. In the past year there were nearly 50,000 trees planted.

The state has a nursery; by this means the trees can be secured much cheaper than from the nurserymen. The trees can be bought from the state nursery for about \$4 a thousand, the being very reasonable.

The planting of trees there should be about 1,500 to the acre, or otherwise five feet apart each way. On good lands four thousand trees a acre, four thousand trees a acre.

Forestry is carried on very profitably in Germany and France, and there is no reason why it cannot be in Connecticut or anywhere in the United States.

Catherine McQuade recited "The Old Village Church" and "The New Invention of Making Paper Out of Corn Stalks," by O. F. Wilson, completed the evening's programme.

BROOKLYN.

Sermon on Watchfulness—Invitations for Danielson-Sweet Marriage.

Charles Edwin Blake of Trinity college was with his parents the last of the past week.

Mrs. DeWitt C. Park has returned from Boston where she was called on account of the illness of one of her grandchildren. The child had recovered to that extent that she brought her home with her.

Dr. G. P. Goring of the Baptist church took for his text Sunday "What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch," and referred to the recent accident at sea when the Republic was lost and the Battle brought safely to port all the passengers. The captain was on the watch and the same was true of the lamented President Lincoln, who was ever on the watch and was thus able to steer safely the ship of state.

The B. Y. P. U. was led by the president, subject, "Our Republic and the people's society," comrades the world over.

The Mission Study class met at the Baptist parsonage Monday afternoon, holding the last meeting for the winter, having finished the book the were studying, "The Call of the Waters."

Wedding Invitations.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lawton Sweet have issued the invitations to the wedding of their daughter, Bernice, and James Albert Danielson, on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 17, 1909, at 2 o'clock, at home, Brooklyn, Conn.

ABINGTON.

Icehouses All Filled—Success of Masked Ball.

Carl Gilbert spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Joseph Gilbert.

All the icehouses in this vicinity have been filled with a good quality of nice clean ice.

George Hicks is getting out lumber for his new barn.

Miss Ruth White, a teacher in the local public school, was called on by Edward McGrath on Sunday.

Ellsworth Covey has been the guest of friends in Putnam.

The masquerade ball in Abington hall last Friday night was a great success.

H. N. Vaughn was the guest of out of town friends over Sunday.

RAWSON.

New Night Operator for Station—Notes.

M. E. Wells of Washington, R. I., was in town on Friday.

Miss Nellie Cleveland and Mrs. Helen Whitehead were Willimantic visitors on Friday.

Philo Baker, assisting William Ford in filling his icehouse.

Roy Rowland of Point Jefferson, N. Y., has accepted the position as night operator at the station.

Charles E. Mowry of Shawmut Beach was the guest of L. C. Stocking on Sunday.

Mrs. Edward Bergeron was a Willimantic visitor on Monday.

CLARK'S CORNERS